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**APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF:**  
(Check applicable box) ☒ Utility Patent ☐ Design Patent ☐ Plant Patent

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent format  
(amended, if appropriate)
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate)
5. ☒ Reissue Oath/Declaration (original or copy)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
6. ☐ Power of Attorney
7. ☐ Original U.S. Patent currently assigned? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(If Yes, check applicable box(es))  
☒ Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/SB/53)  
☒ 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement (PTO/SB/96)
8. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, Computer Program (Appendix)  
or large table
9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all of the following are necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CFR)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM (2 copies) or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

10. ☒ Statement of status and support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173(c).
11. ☐ Original Patent Grant  
☐ Ribboned Original Patent Grant  
☐ Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
12. ☐ Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119)  
(if applicable)
13. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
14. ☐ English Translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration  
(if applicable)
15. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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17. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| Claims as Filed – Part 1  |   |                                     |   |  |                      |   |                            |             |
| Claims in Patent  |   | Number Filed in Reissue Application | (3)<br>Number Extra                       | Small Entity   |                      | Other than a Small Entity                 |                            |             |
|   |   |                                     |   | Rate   | Fee                  | Rate                                      | Fee                        |             |
| (A) <b>37</b>   | Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(j))           | (B) <b>37</b>                       | **** <b>0</b> =                           | x \$ _____ =   |                      |   | x \$ _____ =               |             |
| (C) <b>3</b>  | Independent claims (37 CFR 1.16(i))     | (D) <b>4</b>                        | * <b>1</b> =                              | x \$ _____ =   |                      | or  | x \$ <b>86</b> = <b>86</b> |             |
|   |   |                                     |   | Basic Fee (37 CFR 1.16(h))   |                      | \$ _____                                  | \$ <b>770</b>              |             |
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| Claims as Amended – Part 2  |   |                                     |   |  |                      |   |                            |             |
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